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TEHRAN AND MADRID FOR SECDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MBFR: COMMENTS ON UK AND FRG OFFICIALS ON FRG DATA
PROPOSALS

REF: MBFR VIENNA 213

IN CONVERSATION WITH FRG REP BEHREND'S MAY 12, BEHREND'S STATED
HE HAD TALKED WITH RUTH ON CLASSIFIED PHONE FOLLOWING RUTH'S
RETURN TO BONN FROM LONDON AND AFTER BEHREND'S HAD FORWARDED
TO RUTH DELEGATION'S INFORMAL SUGGESTIONS ON PERSONAL BASIS
FOR AMENDMENT OF FRG PAPER ALONG LINES OF REFTEL RUTH INDICATED
TO BEHREND'S THAT

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A) RUTH IS NOT NOW PLANNING TO SUBMIT PAPER FOR MAY 17 SPC.
HE IS APPARENTLY AWAITING FURTHER REACTION FROM USG PRIOR TO
SUBMITTING GERMAN PAPER TO NATO.

B) RUTH DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO SPECIFY GEOGRAPHIC
LOCATION OF UNIT HEADQUARTERS OR REQUEST DIVISION STRENGTHS
IN FIRST WESTERN PROPOSAL TO EAST.

C) RUTH DOES NOT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE IN PROPOSAL TO EAST THE SUGGESTION THAT EACH SIDE EXCHANGE OVERALL DATA ON FIELD ARMIES, TERRITORIAL FORCES AND SUPPLY FORCES.

D) RUTH INDICATED THAT IF THE US OPPOSED, HE WOULD NOT PERSIST WITH PROPOSAL TO TABLE DATA ON US AND SOVIET FORCES.

E) FRG FOREIGN OFFICE IS PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT TO PUBLISH NATIONAL TOTALS IN NATO PUBLICATION. HOWEVER, RUTH HAS ALREADY ENCOUNTERED SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH FRENCH AND OTHERS AND AS A RESULT THINKS THERE COULD BE SOME DELAY IN THIS PROJECT. RUTH HAS NO SPECIFIC DRAFT OF SUCH A PAPER AND HENCE DID NOT USE ONE IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC WITH OTHERS.

F) FRG FOREIGN OFFICE OPPOSES THE IDEA OF A PRIOR INFORMAL WESTERN APPROACH TO THE EAST FOLLOWING NATO PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL TOTALS AND PRIOR TO PRESENTATION OF GERMAN PROPOSAL. COMMENT: WE HAVE MODIFIED OUR PROPOSAL TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS. (SEPTEL).

G) ALTHOUGH FOREIGN OFFICE IS PREPARED TO DISAGGREGATE AIR FORCE BY AT LEAST ONE LEVEL, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS CURRENTLY RESISTING.

2. UK DEL INFORMS US THAT LONDON IS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH MODIFICATIONS OF GERMAN APPROACH SUGGESTED BY US DELEGATION IN REFTEL GENERAL CONTENT OF WHICH WE MADE AVAILABLE TO UK ON PERSONAL BASIS, AND SPECIFICALLY THAT LONDON CONSIDERS IT
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NECESSARY TO INDICATE NATIONALITY OF MAJOR UNITS AND OF RESIDUAL MANPOWER AND ACCEPTS IDEAS OF NATO PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL TOTALS.RESOR

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